

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

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Events

Brown Bag: Energy Efficiency Promotions -

Please join us on Thursday, July 9 from noon - 1:00 p.m. for the Energy Efficiency Promotions brown bag. The COVID-19 pandemic has impeded the region's economy and BPA's Energy Efficiency program's ability to implement energy-efficiency measures. BPA will be hosting a brown bag to share promotions that will support utility customers in their efforts to achieve efficiency programs and assist local economies. The promotions will increase incentives for existing measures that support Energy Efficiency Action Plan goals and provide additional savings for end-use customers. Utilities and staff should attend this brown bag to understand the scope and implementation of this limited-time offering...[More](#)

Efficiency Exchange 2020 summer webinar series announced -

BPA, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and the Council are excited to announce that the Efficiency Exchange 2020 (EFX20) conference will be pivoting to a virtual webinar series format. After making the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference planning team is keeping the conference connections going by sharing some of the compelling content planned for this year...[More](#)

General

Energy-efficiency promotions to aid regional utilities -

BPA's Energy Efficiency Program is offering new promotions to support regional economic recovery efforts. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there has been a downturn in energy-efficiency project uptake, and a disruption in the way contractors, trade allies and field staff perform their duties. End-use customers of utilities are also experiencing financial hardships that prohibit their participation in energy-efficiency programs...[More](#)



Customer Action Required: Unassigned Account initial allocations review -

BPA has completed the initial Unassigned Account initial allocations and is asking participating customers for their review. Funds were allocated on a Tier One Cost Allocator, or TOCA, weighted basis to the pool of customers who submitted a request during the allowable notification period of June 8 to June 19. Customers have until July 3 to decline acceptance of the funds or choose to receive less than the TOCA-weighted amount (if, for example, a customer only needs funds sufficient to support a single project). If we don't hear from customers by July 3, we will move forward with the distribution of funds as per the attached. If any customer declines or changes their initial Unassigned Account allocations, the TOCA-weighted basis will increase and all customer funds will be redistributed. [Attached are the initial utility distribution calculations for the \\$500,000 currently available in the Unassigned Account](#). Please contact your energy efficiency representative if you want to change or decline your initial allocations.

The comment period for the Integrated Program Review is open and runs through July 31 -

The Integrated Program Review, or IPR, provides the proposed spending levels and program objectives, through FY 2022 and 2023, for BPA's programmatic costs. The Energy Efficiency program held its IPR Workshop on July 17, 2020, and several stakeholders attended the presentation to provide their feedback. For those that were not able to participate, [please view the presentation](#) to see Energy Efficiency's funding levels and the program objectives for FY22-23. Public comments will be accepted between June 15 – July 31, 2020, via the public comment [webpage](#).

New Measurement & Verification page available on bpa.gov -

A dedicated Measurement & Verification, or M&V, [webpage](#) is now live on bpa.gov. The page was created to showcase BPA's M&V Protocol documents, which have been sought out for reference by utility customers, practitioners, evaluators, program administrators and implementers from the Pacific Northwest and beyond since 2012...[More](#)

Program Updates

Agricultural New Opportunities Guide now available -

The [BPA Energy Efficiency Agricultural New Opportunities Guide](#) is now available on bpa.gov. The guide was developed to help utility customers assist agriculture producers with finding the most suitable energy-efficiency measures. Although some of BPA's agricultural measures were phased out due to market transition, new measures were added and are defined in the new guide.

View and download the customer-utility facing guide [here](#). A guide that is specifically targeted for agriculture producers is available upon request. For more information, please contact your energy efficiency representative or an Agricultural sector engineer.

Reminders

Frequently Asked Questions: Hemp in BPA's Energy Efficiency program -

As previously [announced](#), BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp-associated load from the Energy Efficiency program in the state where such activities have received U.S. Department of Agriculture approval. To help utilities determine hemp-project eligibility, BPA has prepared a list of frequently asked questions. For more information, contact your energy efficiency representative...[More](#)

Smart Thermostat form updated -

The Smart Thermostat Project Information Form has been updated to correct an error that caused form-field duplication. The new version of the form is now available on the [Residential Thermostats page](#) and in the [IM Document Library](#).

New Residential Comfort Ready Home program -

BPA has selected Evergreen Consulting Group as its partner to implement the new Comfort Ready Home program. Beginning in December 2020, the program will support utilities with increasing the uptake of residential weatherization, HVAC and heat pump water heater measures. It will also help build a well-trained network of contractors who have the knowledge and resources necessary to support our customer utilities' residential efficiency goals effectively....[More](#)
